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BAJRÖV--CAPITAL OF RUMEKISTAN.

MISSION LOG: DAY TWO: RUNNING:
TRACKED WILSON AS HE FOLLOWED A
UNIT OF FLAG-SMASHER'S SOLDIERS,
THE ULTIMATUM.

ULTIMATUM MEMBERS ARE TRAINED
TO FIGHT, BUT GOING UP AGAINST
DEADPOOL IS A LITTLE BEYOND THEM.

JUST BECAUSE I HATE
WILSON DOESN'T MEAN
I DON'T RESPECT HIM.

NOW THAT THIS CONFIRMS
DEADPOOL'S INVOLVEMENT
WITH THE RUMEKI
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT...

...THE NEXT QUESTION
IS: WHO STANDS TO
GAIN BY IT?

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AND JUST AS IMPORTANT: TO WHAT LENGTHS WILL
THE RESISTANCE GO TO ATTAIN THEIR GOALS...AND
TO WHAT LENGTHS SHOULD I GO TO STOP THEM?



WHO DOESN'T HAVE A
VESTED FINANCIAL,
GEOGRAPHIC OR RELIGIOUS
INTEREST IN THIS REGION?

RUSSIA, GERMANY,
LATVERIA AND IRAN
ARE ALL PLAYERS HERE.

BUT WOULD ANY OF THEM
HIRE DEADPOOL TO GET RID OF
FLAG-SMASHER FOR THEM?



SINCE THE WORLD THINKS
DEADPOOL KILLED CABLE
(EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T),
DEADPOOL'S BEEN
PRACTICALLY UNHIREABLE.

WHICH LEAVES ONLY
ONE PERSON WHO
WOULD HIRE HIM...
CABLE.

NATHAN DAYSpring
ASKANI'SON, MY FORMER
EVERYTHING: FRIEND. ENEMY.
TEAMMATE. LEADER. LOVER.



WHY WOULD NATE
WANT TO TAKE OUT
THE LEADER OF
THIS COUNTRY?

AND... TO WHAT
LENGTHS WILL HE
GO TO DO IT...?



DEADPOOL'S STRIPPING THEIR COMMUNICATIONS GEAR.

THE RESISTANCE MUST NEED THE ACCESS CODES IN THE COMM SYSTEMS TO TAP INTO ULTIMATUM'S JABBER...BUT WHY WOULD THEY RISK EXPOSURE...



...UNLESS THEY'RE READY TO MAKE THEIR MOVE AGAINST FLAG-SMASHER SOONER THAN WE EXPECTED?



I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE MORE TIME...TO FIGURE THIS THROUGH...

...JUST ADMIT IT FOR THE RECORD, GIRL...

...TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER I'M GOING TO STOP THE ASSASSINATION OR NOT.



FOLLOWED WILSON TO AN OLD BUILDING IN THE KORICHYOV DISTRICT.

THE HOUSING PROGRAM WAS CREATED BY THE FORMER DICTATOR. NOW IT'S ALL JUST TENEMENT SLUMS.

THESE BUILDINGS SYMBOLIZE EVERYTHING THAT FELL APART FOR THIS COUNTRY. PERFECT PLACE FOR THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT TO SET UP SHOP.

PRE-OP INTEL SHOWS THAT THEY'RE NOT FANATICS. NO EXTREME RELIGIOUS AGENDA. NO SINGLE WANNABE DICTATOR SPEAKING FOR THEM.



SOME FORMER MEMBERS FROM THE FORMER REGIME, BUT MOSTLY DOCTORS, LAWYERS, TEACHERS...

DEADPOOL
EES BACK. YOU
GET EQUIPMENT
WE NEED, NO?

I SURELY
DID, MY FUNNY-
ACCENTED
RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT
LEADER.



NENAD PETROVIC. HISTORY
PROFESSOR IMPRISONED AFTER
FLAG-SMASHER BANNED THE
TEACHING OF HISTORY.

"HISTORY IS USED
TO PROMOTE MISGUIDED
NATIONALISM," SMASHY
SAYS. UNFORTUNATELY, I
THINK HE'S MOSTLY RIGHT.

NO RECORD OF PETROVIC GETTING
RELEASED, BUT SEVEN WEEKS AGO, HE
GOT THE UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE
BUZZING AND QUICKLY ORGANIZED.

LISTENED FOR AN HOUR.
HEARD ENOUGH TO MAKE
ME HATE THIS ASSIGNMENT
EVEN MORE THAN I
ALREADY DO. I WENT TO
MEET MY INSIDE SOURCE.



SO KIDS CAN GET
DRUNK NOW.
SOME PROGRESS.

FOR EVERY RADICAL DECISION
HE'S MADE THAT ACTUALLY
MADE SOME SENSE...

...HE'S MADE TEN OTHER
COMPLETELY SCARY,
DANGEROUS SCREWWUPS.



AND THROUGH IT ALL, LIKE
A MILITARY STATE, THE
ULTIMATUM TROOPS KEEP
AN EYE ON EVERYONE AND
EVERYTHING.

THE ULTIMATUM CAPTAIN
WALKS IN, EVERYONE ELSE
WALKS OUT.



FLAG-SMASHER ABOLISHED
THE DRINKING LAWS. SAID
GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T
MEDDLE WITH FREEDOM OF
CHOICE.



NO PROHIBITIONS ON ALCOHOL OR NARCOTICS. FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

YEAH. REMEMBER A TIME WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, HUH?



BUT WE'VE BOTH GROWN UP A BIT SINCE THEN, HAVEN'T WE, MICHAEL?

I AM NOT SO SURE. YOU LOOK VERY GOOD, DOMINO.

AND YOU ARE LOOKING VERY...CLEANLY PRESSED.



WELL, NATTY ATTIRE HAS BEEN A HALLMARK OF **RIGHTEOUS RULERS** FOR CENTURIES, HASN'T IT?

AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU JOINED ULTIMATUM A FEW YEARS BACK BECAUSE YOU **HATED RIGHTEOUS RULERS...**

YES... WELL...



...DECRYING THE RULE OF GOVERNMENTS IS EASY...**BECOMING A RULING GOVERNMENT...** WELL...

MICHAEL STRAKA WAS AN OLD FRIEND--AS MUCH AS ONE MAKES FRIENDS IN THIS LINE OF WORK.

A GOOD MAN, BUT A FAILED MERCENARY. HE ALWAYS CARED TOO MUCH FOR THE CAUSES HE HIRED HIMSELF OUT TO.



WHICH LEADS TO DISAPPOINTMENT...AND VERY HARD CHOICES...

MICHAEL, YOU KNOW THIS COUNTRY IS WORSE OFF NOW THAN IT WAS BEFORE, SO... WHEN GUNS ARE DRAWN--

--WHO DO YOU KILL-- THE ASSASSIN...OR THE TARGET THAT DESERVES TO BE ASSASSINATED?





NICE. ASK A QUESTION
YOU CAN'T EVEN ANSWER
FOR YOURSELF.

I STAY AND FINISH THE
BEER. I HAVE NO CLUE
WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.

I RETURN TO
THE RESISTANCE
SAFE HOUSE.



APPARENTLY, DEADPOOL HAS FOUND
THE ONE PERSON ON THE PLANET WHO
CAN TALK AS MUCH AS HE CAN...

--YES, A SOCIETY
CANNOT ADVANCE
UNDER REPRESSIVE
REGIMES...

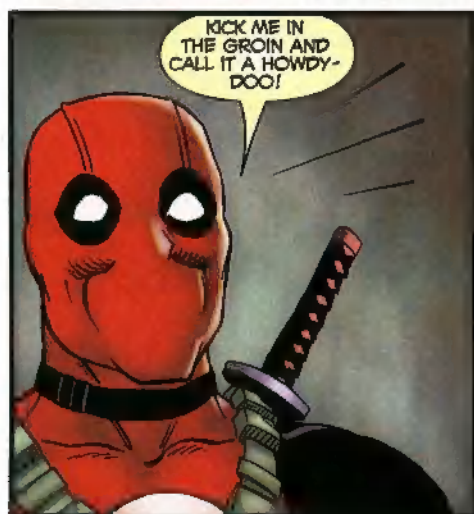
BUT YOU CAN
GET YOUR **TEENAGE
GIRLS** DRUNK NOW,
SO THERE'S THAT.



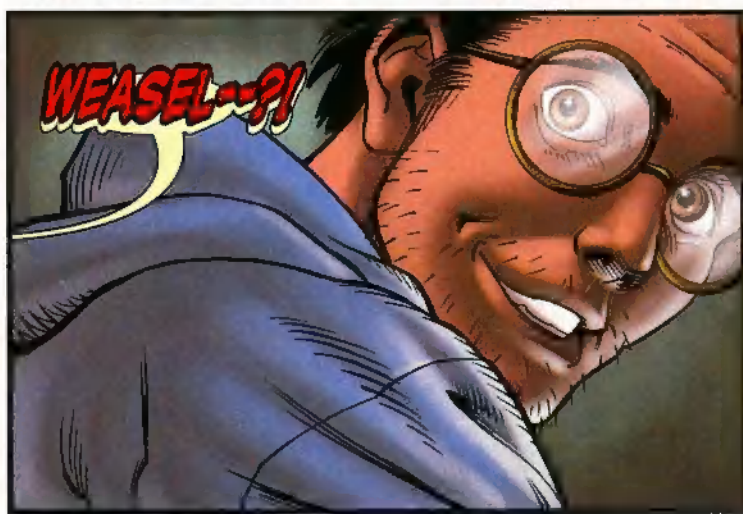
UHM...YES,
VELL...THE EQUIPMENT
YOU TOOK FROM THE
ULTIMATUM GUARDS WILL
ALLOW US TO ENACT OUR
PLAN AT THE RALLY
TOMORROW--

--BUT VE STILL
NEEDED AN OUTSIDE
EXPERT TO HANDLE THE
TECHNICAL ASPECT OF
THE ASSIGNMENT...

IT EES
SOMEONE VE
THINK YOU
ARE FAMILIAR
VITH...



KICK ME IN
THE GROIN
AND CALL IT A HOWDY-
DOO!



WEASEL--?!

PROVIDENCE. CABLE'S SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND REFUGE.

--GAREB--
IRENE ASKED ME
FOR AN UPDATE ON
EVENTS IN
RUMEKISTAN.

DEADPOOL'S
SPINDLY TECH-NERD
FRIEND, WEASEL, HAS
JUST HACKED INTO
ULTIMATUM'S
SYSTEMS.

I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND OUR
INVOLVEMENT--
OR LACK THEREOF--
IN THESE
ACTIVITIES.

COULDN'T
YOU, IN THE BLACK
BOX ARMOR--
HAVE ACCESSED
THOSE COMPUTERS
YOURSELF?

YES, BUT YOU
HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
RUMEKI HISTORY TO KNOW
WHY IT MUST BE THE WILL
OF THE PEOPLE THAT
CHANGES THE DAY.

EVER SINCE
SECEDING FROM
THE FORMER
SOVIET UNION--

--THE CENTRAL
EUROPEAN NATION
WAS TORN BY
SECTARIAN AND
RELIGIOUS STRIFE.

DURING
ANARCHY FOMENTED
BY ULTIMATUM, CITIZEN V,
AN OPERATIVE FOR A
FORMER CLANDESTINE SPY-
GROUP CALLED THE
V-BATTALION--

--GAVE
FLAG-SMASHER THE
MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH
A BLOODLESS COUP
OF THE COUNTRY. HE
ACCEPTED THE
PROPOSAL.

THE RUMEKI
PEOPLE, WHO HAVE
HAD LITTLE TO NO REAL
SAY IN THEIR LIVES FOR
DECADES, WOKE UP FROM
AN INDUCED SLEEP TO
FIND THEMSELVES WITH
A NEW RULER.

AND MERELY
TO PLAY DEVIL'S
ADVOCATE,
GAREB...

...HOW WILL
THIS DAY BE ANY
DIFFERENT?

--I APPRECIATE
THE INFORMATION,
KEN--AND I SWEAR,
I'M NOT GOING TO
SCOOP YOU.

MY
REPORTING
DAYS ARE
BEHIND ME.

LITERALLY,
AS I CAN
SEE.

SERIOUSLY,
MERRYWEATHER,
I'M ONLY GIVING
YOU THE "MOOD OF
THE PEOPLE" ANGLE
TO WHAT CABLE'S
DOING--

--BUT THE
HARD FILE EVIDENCE
YOU'RE GIVING ME
ABOUT THIS SUPER-
HUMAN REGISTRATION
ACT--

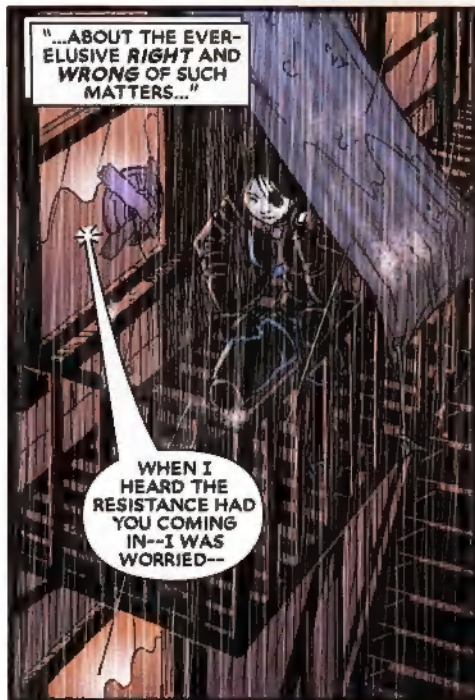
--IS GOING
TO WIN HUMBLE
DAILY BUGLE REPORTER
KENNY ELLIS A PULITZER
PRIZE--OR BETTER YET,
AN APPEARANCE ON
OPRAH.

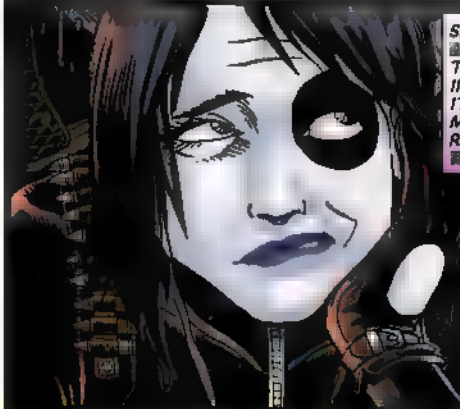
ANOTHER ONE? TELL
HER SHE STILL OWES
CABLE LUNCH.
LATER.

PRESTER
JOHN. FROM THE
SCOWL...

...THINGS IN THE
INFONET CHAMBER
DIDN'T GO WELL?

NO,
THE PLANS PROCEED
APACE, IRENE...I AM
MERELY LEFT TO
WONDER...





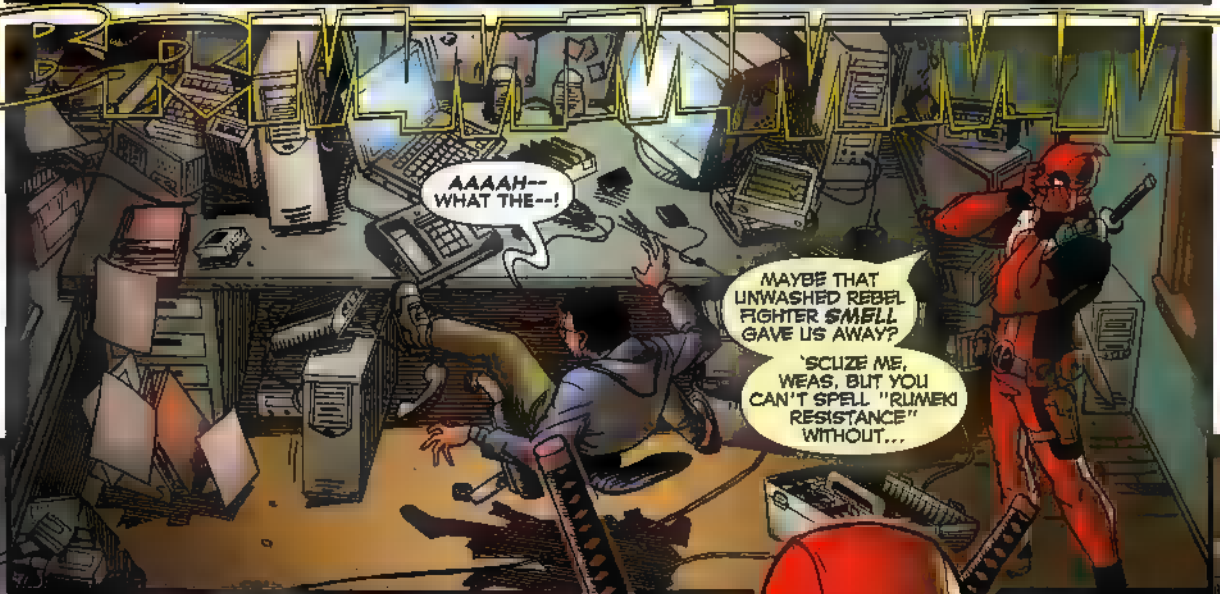
SMASHY HAS A PUBLIC
ADDRESS PLANNED.
THE [REDACTED]
INTENDS TO DISRUPT
IT--MAYBE GET THEIR
MESSAGE OUT TO THE
RUMEKI PEOPLE IN
[REDACTED] WIDE BLANKET?

A CALL TO ARMS,
MAYBE? A
MASSIVE UPRISING?



STOP IT NOW OR
LET IT PLAY OUT?

CAN'T TRUST THE PLAYERS
INVOLVED TO LET IT PLAY--
ESPECIALLY THE PLAYER
[REDACTED] ALL THIS...SO...



AAAAH--
WHAT THE--!

MAYBE THAT
UNWASHED REBEL
FIGHTER SMELL
GAVE US AWAY?

'SCUIZE ME,
WEAS, BUT YOU
CAN'T SPELL "RUMEKI
RESISTANCE"
WITHOUT...



..K-I-C-B-U-T!

BUT--

I SPELLED
IT WITH ONLY
ONE T, OKAY!

GEEZ, STEP ALL
OVER MY DRAMATIC
CALL-OUTS, WHY
DON'TCHA...



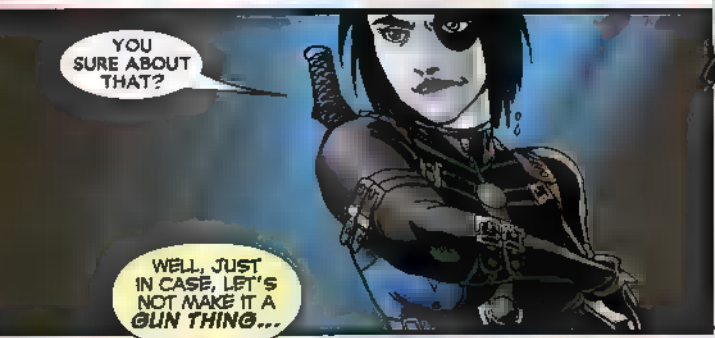
HELLOOOO--? ANY ULTIMATUM GUARDS HERE WHO NEED THEIR LIVULAS CARVED OUT OF THEM?



NO.

OH, YOU. COOL.

EVEN THOUGH YOU N' NATE AIN'T THE BEST OF SACK-BUDDIES ANYMORE, HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T WANT ME TO KILL YOU... NOT TOO DEAD, ANYWAY...



YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

WELL, JUST IN CASE, LET'S NOT MAKE IT A GUN THING...



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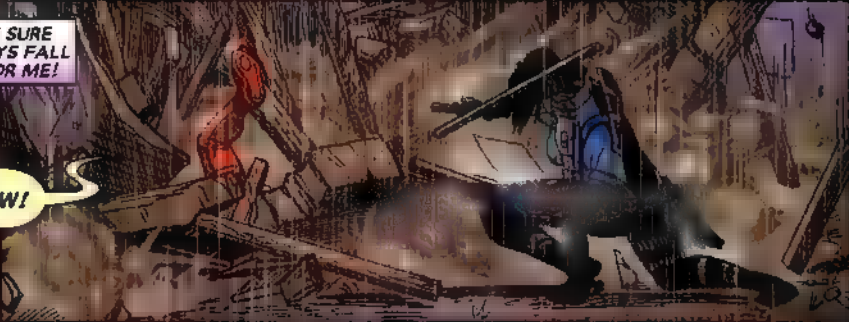
A large comic book panel showing Deadpool in his red and black suit, holding a sword aloft in his right hand. He is in a dynamic, mid-air pose, facing Cable. Cable is wearing his blue and black armor and is also in a dynamic pose, with one arm extended forward. The background is a chaotic, war-torn environment with debris and smoke.

HE'S STRONG, FAST, WITH
A HEALING POWER THAT
KEEPS HIM GOING LIKE THE
ENERGIZER RABBIT.

BUT ME...WELL, LET'S JUST
SAY I HAVE A LITTLE LUCKY
MUTANT POWER...

A smaller inset comic panel showing a wider view of the battle. Deadpool is on the left, and Cable is on the right. They are both surrounded by debris and smoke. Deadpool is in a crouched position, and Cable is in a more upright, ready stance.

...THAT MAKES SURE
THINGS ALWAYS FALL
INTO PLACE FOR ME!

Another inset comic panel showing a different angle of the battle. Deadpool is on the left, and Cable is on the right. They are both surrounded by debris and smoke. Deadpool is in a crouched position, and Cable is in a more upright, ready stance.

OW!



I THINK I JUST SWALLOWED SIX TEETH! NOW I'M GONNA LOOK LIKE A HOCKEY PLAYER!

COOL. GORDIE HOWE HAD A FACE LIKE A BUICK GRILLE.

HEY, SINCE I'M A HOCKEY PLAYER NOW, WANNA PLACE A BET ON WHO'S GONNA WIN THIS FIGHT?



OOOH, LOOK AN AUDIENCE! FIFTY GONNA BE ~~FOR~~ FOR PETEY THE DOG TO WIN TONIGHT!



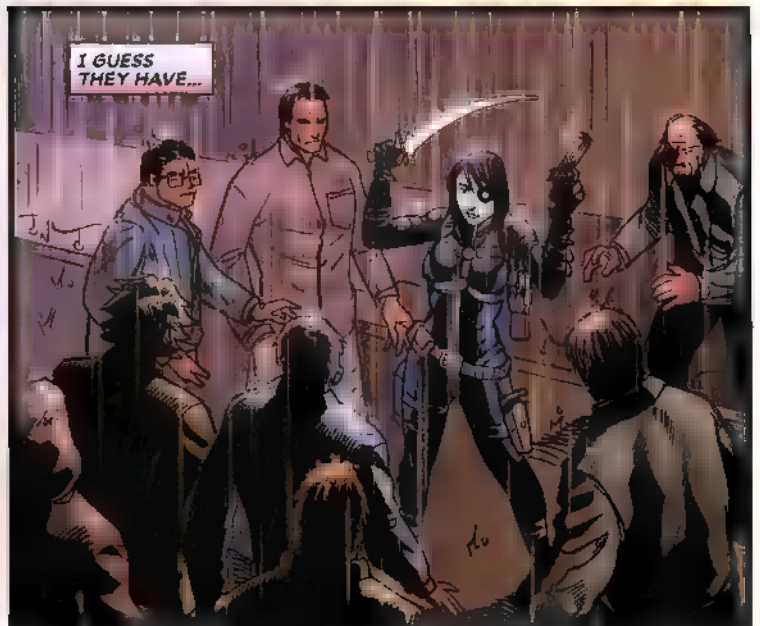
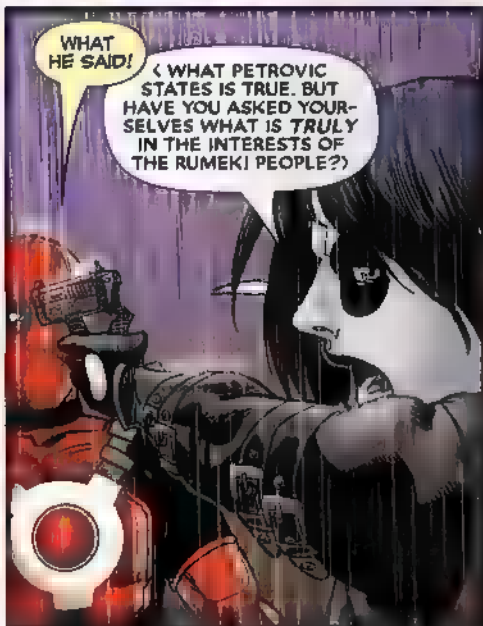
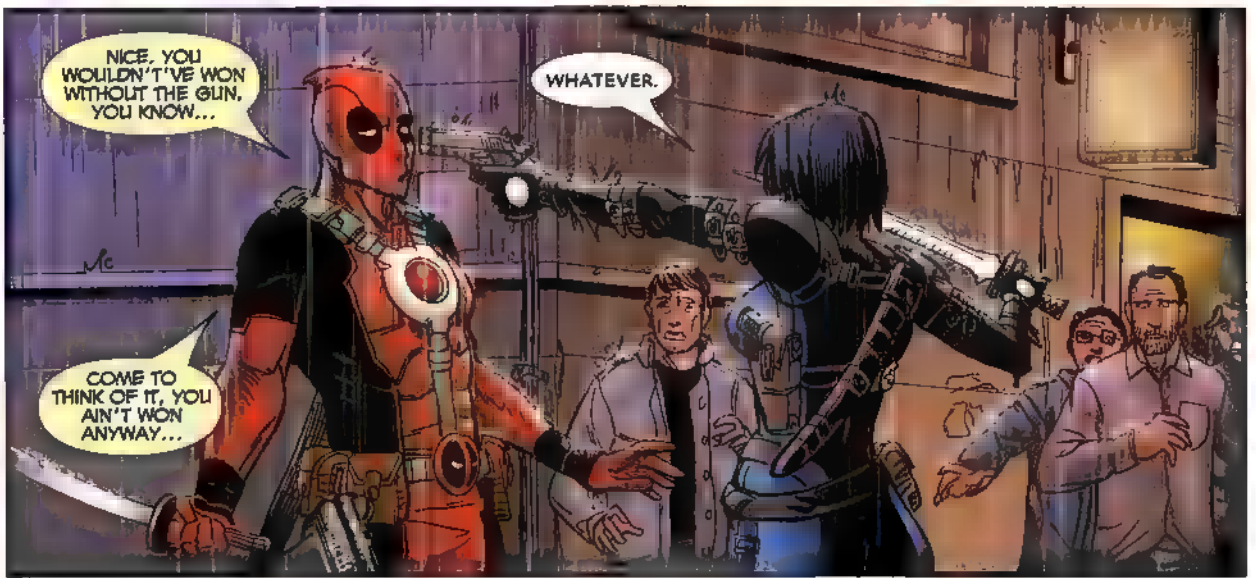
I ALWAYS FORGET (OR JUST BLOCK OUT TO SPARE MYSELF THE AGONY) WHAT WILSON'S MOST LETHAL WEAPON IS...

...HIS MOUTH! HE'LL TALK NONSENSE UNTIL YOU SURRENDER COMMIT SUICIDE.

EXCEPT IN MY GUT...I KNOW HE'S RIGHT.



I'M ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE FENCE ON THIS ONE...







MISSION LOG; DAY TWO;
RUNNING: MORNING AT THE
CAPITOL PLAZA. DECADES
AGO, IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT
BUILDING.

NOW IT'S AS BEAT-UP
AS THE COUNTRY ITSELF...

FLAG-SMASHER IS DOING
HIS WEEKLY PUBLIC ADDRESS.
SAME OLD, SAME OLD.

HE WHINED YEARS
ABOUT DIATRIBES LIKE THIS,
AND NOW HE MOUTHS THE
SAME TIRED WORDS.

THEY'RE USELESS. EVERY
SINGLE ONE OF THEM.
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE
FOR A LEADER YOU CAN
BELIEVE IN.

PEOPLE FORCED
TO ATTEND. FORCED
TO APPLAUD.

THEY GET EXTRA TREATS
THEIR "COMMUNAL
PACKAGES" IF THEY DO.



THEY MAY GET
A REAL TREAT
TODAY...



MICHAEL IS TENSE.
THEY ALL ARE. THEY
KNOW SOMETHING
IS COMING...BUT
THEY DON'T KNOW
WHAT...HOW...

--WILL OF
THE PEOPLE!
BY THE
PEOPLE!



THE
PEOPLE! THAT IS
THE LAND WE WILL
CALL OUR--

(BUT THIS LAND
IS NOT HIS! THE MAN
WHO HATES LANGUAGES
CAN'T EVEN SPEAK
OUR TONGUE!)

WHO WAS
THAT?

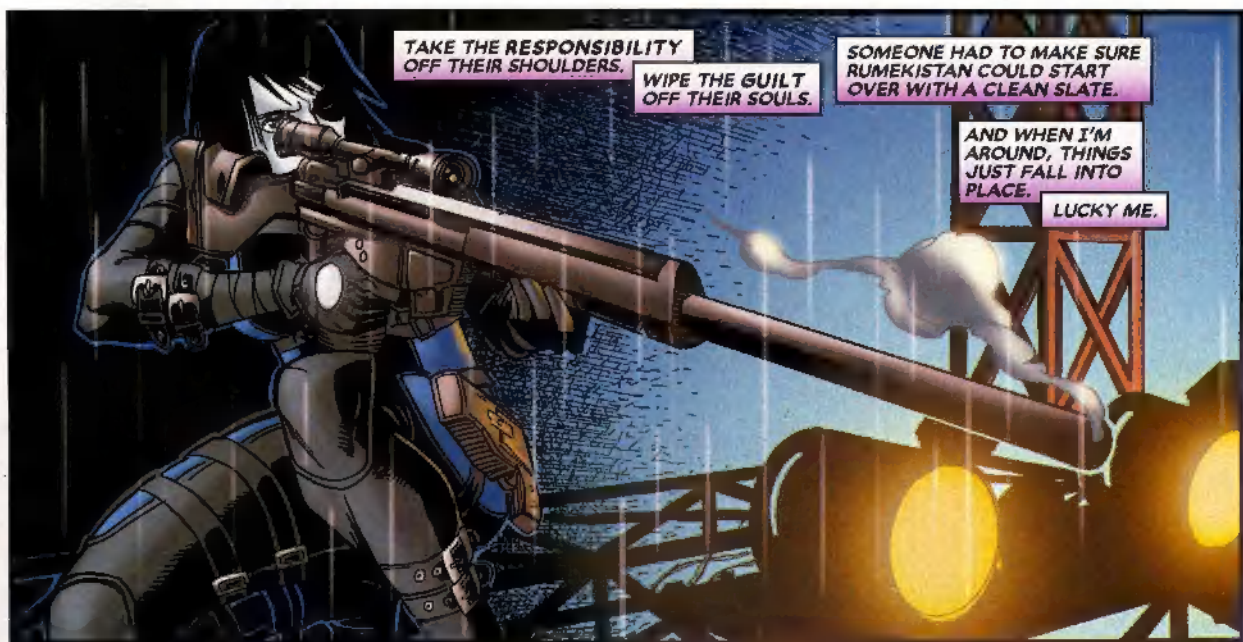


THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT
OVERRIDE FLAG-SMASHER'S
AUDIO FEED...

THERE'S WILSON--HOW
DID HE GET ON A
FRONTING ROOFTOP?







TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY
OFF THEIR SHOULDERS.

WIPE THE GUILT
OFF THEIR SOULS.

SOMEONE HAD TO MAKE SURE
RUMEKISTAN COULD START
OVER WITH A CLEAN SLATE.

AND WHEN I'M
AROUND, THINGS
JUST FALL INTO
PLACE.

LUCKY ME.



(PEOPLE OF
RUMEKISTAN--
PEOPLE OF
RUMEKISTAN--)

WHO STANDS
TO GAIN?



ULTIMATUM
GUARD--LOWER
YOUR WEAPONS!
NOW!

WHO WOULD
HIRE DEADPOOL?



DELETE
OVERRIDE, KICK
THE AUDIO BACK
IN...



(THIS IS A
CHANCE FOR US
TO FINALLY COME
TOGETHER AS
A PEOPLE!)

(TO RISE OUT OF THE
POVERTY, SECTARIAN
FEAR AND RELIGIOUS
STRIFE THAT OTHERS
HAVE FOMENTED
BETWEEN US FOR
SO LONG.)

(ONE MAN
CAN SAVE US! ONE
MAN WHO HAS
SHOWN THE WORLD
THE WAY!)

(ALLOW
ME TO PROUDLY
INTRODUCE YOU
TO--)



WHO KNOWS BETTER
THAN ANYONE THAT
YOU CAN'T HAVE A
MOVEMENT...

...YOU CAN'T MAKE
A LINE OF
DOMINOS FALL THE
WAY YOU PLAN...

A full-page comic book illustration of Cable, a character with a cybernetic right arm and glowing red eyes, floating in the sky amidst blue flames. He is wearing a black tactical suit with yellow accents. Below him, a crowd of people is visible, with one person in the foreground raising a fist. The background is a cloudy sky.

...UNTIL YOU
KNOCK OVER THE
FIRST ONE...

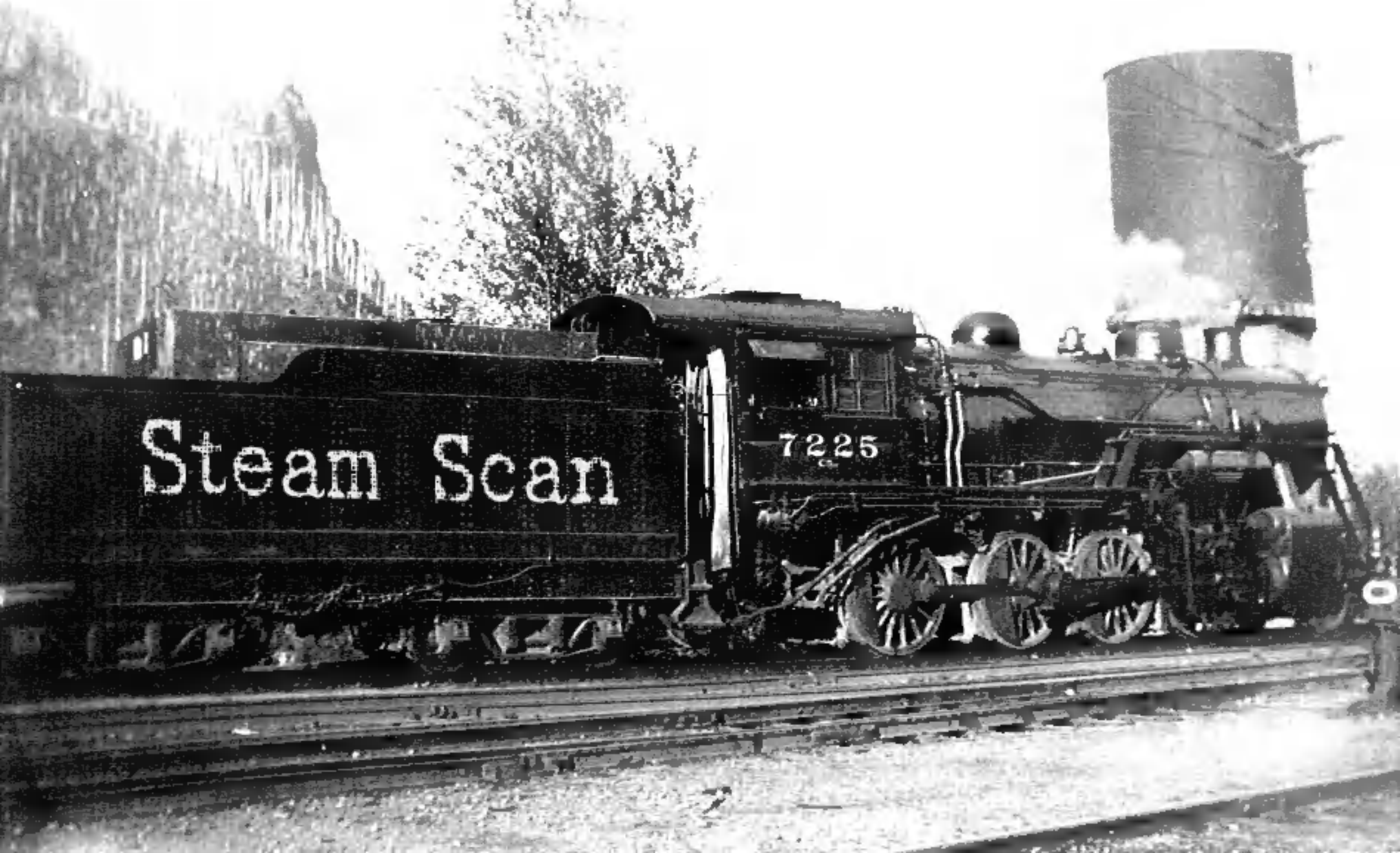
(--THE NEW
LEADER OF
RUMEKISTAN!)

CABLE.

I WAS HIRED TO FIND OUT
IF THE REPLACEMENT FOR
FLAG-SMASHER WOULD BE
WORSE FOR THIS COUNTRY...

...I'M STILL
ON THE
JOB...

⊗ TO BE
CONTINUED!



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